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## WEATHER YESTERDAY.

Mean Temperature—59.9 degrees.  
Maximum Temperature—64.1 degrees.  
Minimum Temperature—55.7 degrees.  
Barometer—29.99 at 9 p. m.; falling.  
Rainfall—0.00 inch, up to 9 a. m.  
Mean Dew Point for the day—54.7.  
Mean Relative Humidity—76.

## WINDS.

North-east 1 to 5.  
FORECAST FOR TODAY.  
Light southerly air and fair weather.

## AN OUTRAGE.

That deception and fraud was practiced with the Porto Ricans who are expected here on the Rio today in the endeavor to get them to come to Hawaii is too plainly apparent. The Republican publishes today a number of telegrams about these people. These are not hysterical specials of the San Francisco Examiner, but are the telegrams of that great news-gathering body The Associated Press, all excepting the one telegram dated San Francisco, which is taken from the Examiner. A telegram in the Chronicle from El Paso, Texas, Dec. 6, tells practically the same story as to the condition of the Porto Ricans en route and their attempt to break from the train at Sanderson, Texas, as told in the Associated Press dispatches published in today's Republican.

All the reports go to show that these people were enticed from their homes by false promises and without a proper knowledge of where they were to go. The San Francisco Chronicle of Dec. 12th, which is by no means a hysterical paper and which has been very friendly to Hawaii and Hawaiian interests says editorially under the heading "Herded Contract Laborers."

"It is stated that hidden on some side track in the desert the Southern Pacific Company is keeping a trainload of Porto Rican laborers under contract or promise of contract to labor on the sugar plantations of Hawaii. It is stated that these people are herded in the cars and that they are 'in charge' of certain persons who have paid their railroad fare, and who prevent or endeavor to prevent them from communicating with outsiders. It is also stated that the Southern Pacific Company is purposely keeping the train back, and will so time its arrival in this city that there will only be time to pass from the cars to the Honolulu steamer. So much, at least, is not denied, and if correct it establishes the fact that certain people are being taken through this country to a place to which they do not now wish to go, and that the Southern Pacific Company is an active party in a conspiracy to control them against their will and also, if the people are not citizens of the United States, to a violation of the United States contract labor laws."

"The undisputed facts in this case are sufficient to require an official investigation before these people are permitted to embark on this city. If any one of them should allege that he is restrained of his liberty a writ of habeas corpus would, of course, bring the matter before the courts. The programme, however, seems to be so arranged that there will not be time for that after the arrival of the train. Some person, acting for them, might allege that the whole trainload is unlawfully restrained, and so bring the entire lot before the courts. Possibly the safest course would be to assume that, as natives of Porto Rico, they are foreigners, and that the contract labor laws have been violated, because we believe that if the Court should so hold the company which brought them here would be compelled to take them back at its own expense, which is what the public would like to see. If the Court should hold that the contract labor laws had not been violated, the delay will enable the Porto Ricans to be fully informed of their rights, and to know that they are at perfect liberty, if lawfully in this country, to go where they please."

"It is probable that the contractors have acted under legal advice, and that they have thus far accomplished their ends without any violation of the letter of the law which would render them criminally liable. It is safest to assume that and to act accordingly. The keepers would probably claim that they have not prevented the access to the people, and the copious 'interviews' which have been published would go far to sustain their contention. But public policy requires that this party be either returned to their homes or completely broken up and dispersed, and that those who have paid their passage lose every cent of their money, if this company is not technically a

slave gang it is so nearly that that intervention in the interest of humanity is imperative. If the Southern Pacific Company, by its acts, makes it plain that it is in a conspiracy to force these people to go to Hawaii, its officers will bring upon their heads a storm of indignation such as they have never before experienced. The Porto Ricans should be brought into this city in ample time for the fullest investigation and such legal proceedings as may be desirable, and any attempt to rush them through according to the alleged programme should be frustrated at all hazards."

Hawaii needs more laborers for the sugar plantations but better far that the sugar cane should rot in the field than that its cutting and preservation should be at the sacrifice of human blood. Better far to husband what can be cared for by the labor at hand than to try to bring unwilling laborers here under false promises and illegal contracts that tie them up in a bond of slavery more hideous than that of the first half of the century in the cotton states. Hawaii's good name is at stake in this matter. If people will be denounced through the length and breadth of the land for this cruel deception, though none of them may have had any hand in it, it behooves the Sugar Planters' Association to denounce the bringing of Porto Ricans here by any false pretenses. They must make their deals for laborers with responsible agents who will bring them here in the broad light of day and not hide them at desert stations on the way, out of the sight of the world so far as it is possible to keep them out of sight. Such acts will bring the scorn of the whole world upon the Hawaiian Sugar Planters and upon Hawaiians generally and do the Territory irreparable harm.

## WHAT MONOPOLY DOES.

That arant monopoly, the Hawaiian Electric Company, gave another instance last night of its utter disregard of the rights of the people and of its patrons by keeping them without light for a period of one hour and one-half. If this were a country where fierce electrical storms raged there would be some excuse for this condition of affairs but as it is there is no excuse excepting an indifference to the public demands by a company which holds an exclusive franchise. Honolulu is out of the path of electric storms and the air is never surcharged with electricity. To say that there was a break in the machinery is no excuse for every electric plant in the world, even in the small towns and in the mining camps of the west is fitted with duplicate machinery to provide for just such emergencies as breaks in the machinery.

With an exclusive franchise, such as that possessed by the Hawaiian Electric Company there is all the more reason why it should be provided with duplicate machinery and ready at all times to furnish light and power to its patrons no matter what might happen. For several weeks past the merchants have been making additional demands upon the electric company for extra lights for the Christmas trade. These lights have been furnished but no additional machinery was installed to supply the extra demands. Regular patrons have observed this for some days past by the very poor lights furnished. Any company mindful of its own interests and the interests of its patrons would have foreseen this holiday demand for extra service months ago and have made ample provision to supply it. No company can furnish 10,000 incandescent lights on a 5,000 light circuit and expect the machinery to stand the strain.

Only that the exclusive features of the franchise are to soon expire suit to annul the franchise would have been instituted before this. It is a well-known principle of law, as laid down by the highest courts, that no legislature has the right to grant an exclusive franchise and thus create a monopoly by law. Fortunately there will be other electric companies in Honolulu ere many more months.

## FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON.

Career of the Late J. A. Hopper whose Body Arrived on the Sierra.

The funeral of the late J. A. Hopper, whose body arrived here on the Sierra will take place from the Hopper residence at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Mr. Hopper was one of the wealthy sugar and rice planters of Hawaii. Mr. Hopper had been to the coast for some time but his health failed to improve and he at last decided to return to Honolulu. Just before the Sierra left he died, his body being hastily embalmed and shipped. Mrs. Hopper returned with her husband's remains.

Mr. Hopper was born in New York in 1831. When he arrived in Honolulu he opened up the Hopper Planing Mill, now operated by his son, W. L. Hopper. Since then he has branched out into other lines, a rice mill being one of his most valuable enterprises.

## Father Valentine As Trustee.

Father H. Valentine was yesterday empowered as trustee without bond by Judge Humphreys to draw out of the Postal Savings Bank money belonging to Georgina Mahoe, a minor, and pay it over to the owner. In the affidavit Father Valentine recites that he is a minister of the Catholic church and knew Lilia Mahoe who died at Molokai five years ago, leaving an estate consisting of "twenty-five hun-

dred dollars and five cents" to her sister Georgina. The savings bank discontinue and returning its deposits to patrons he asked the authority to withdraw the said twenty-five hundred dollars and five cents for the young owner.

## BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL

## BY NEW TELEPHONE PEOPLE

If a preliminary transaction in real estate that was consummated yesterday may be taken as a criterion the new telephone company means business and on a large scale too. Last night John C. Carrington, the promoter, stated that he had secured an option on Mrs. Cowes' property on Hotel and Alakea streets, as soon as his father, General Frederick Carrington, can come from his home in Indianapolis, he will complete the purchase and put up a palatial six story office building at a cost of \$75,000. The ground costs \$32,500.

Mr. Carrington says he will proceed at once to Hilo and it is the intention of his people—the Indianapolis Telephone Company—to lay a cable between the two leading island cities. He will take an engineer along to examine the routes and personally he will look after the business end of the enterprise.

Locally Mr. Carrington says he has obtained 150 subscribers to his hello service.

## ELECTRIC LIGHT SHUT DOWN.

Darkness for More than an Hour and a Half Last Night.

The electric lights in the business center of the city went out last night and so remained for an hour and thirty-six minutes. Every thing was dark from 8:40 to 10:16 and the stores were in the midst of their evening's trade. The morning papers where so much night work is done were without power to carry on the machinery.

Inquiry by telephone, brought back the assurance that the machinery of the electric company would be in operation in ten minutes. The delay was a little longer than that.

There will be a praise service Sunday evening at the Y. M. C. A. John Martin will speak and E. H. Shanks will sing.

## Concert at Makee Island.

The band will play at Makee Island next Sunday afternoon instead of at the Capitol grounds. The change is made on account of the funeral of the late James Hopper.

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## EXEMPLARY CHARACTER OF

## YIM QUOCK LEONG'S WIFE

She is Imprisoned at Quarantine Station and Desires Release—Duties as Merchant do not Entail Labor.

The application of Chinese for writs of habeas corpus are a rather unique kind of document. They are more remarkable for the things that the subject is said to not have done than for things that have been done or are laid up against the character moral and criminal of the person sought to be released.

Yesterday Yim Quock Leong who says he has resided here since 1884 and is one of a very long list of partners in the mercantile concern of Wing On Tai Co., began such a proceeding to secure the release of his alleged wife from imprisonment at the Quarantine station. The woman's name is Yim Chun Shai, and otherwise her behavior is said to be excellent. She is a native of Canton, and arrived December 15 on the America Maru.

As a starter Yim Quock Leong says his duties in the company in which he is interested do not entail much work. That is he says he does not engage in manual labor, except such as is necessary in his business. Then he opens up on his wife's exemplary character by saying that she is not an idiot, an insane person, a pauper, or a person likely to become a public charge; nor is she suffering from a loathsome dangerous or contagious disease. He says she has not been convicted of felony nor is she given to turpitude and neither is she a bigamist. He says her passage has not been paid by another.

As husband to the prisoner Yim Quock Leong says, he knows of his own knowledge she is the identical person and his verification is in good faith. Collector of Customs E. R. Stackable as respondent, must appear in the Federal court Monday at 10 o'clock.

## BRYAN DENIES THE SENATORIAL RUMOR

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—William Jennings Bryan, in a reply to a query put to him by the Lincoln (Neb.) correspondent of the Post-Dispatch as to the statement that he had agreed to accept the election of United States Senator, said to-day:

"Simply say that there is no truth in the rumor; that I have other plans."

## MARK TWAIN'S BRIGHT WIT.

His Clever Sarcasm in Introducing Winston Spencer Churchill.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Winston Spencer Churchill, M. P., War correspondent, gave his lecture on the South African war here last evening. He was introduced by Mark Twain, who began by saying that although a friend of his he did not agree with Mr. Churchill as to the righteousness of the South African war. He then said that he had for years preached Anglo-American amity. He had helped the alliances by impartial compliments. He added:

"I have shown how America has thrown her doors wide open to all those that suffer and are oppressed—and who can put up \$50 admission—except the Chinese. We draw the line there."

"And how unselfishly England has wrought for the open door for all in China and how openly and how plausibly America has stood for that open door in all cases where it was not her own. And how generous England has been and America has been in not urging China to pay fancy rates for extinguished missionaries like Germany does, but is willing to take produce for them—tea and firecrackers and other things—why, Germany has made things so expensive that China cannot afford German missionaries any more, but has got to wait until she is better fixed financially. And how simply and sorrowfully and shamefacedly England and America stood at Port Arthur weeping while France and Germany helped hold Japan and Russia robbed her."

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